

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

~~Disclosed is a~~ A packet receiving apparatus in a communication system for transmitting a packet signal upon changing over a parameter of a transmit signal in accordance with conditions of a propagation path, and, when the packet signal cannot be received correctly on a receiving side, retransmitting the packet signal, combining the packet data received previously and the retransmitted packet data and executing decode processing based upon the combined packet data. ~~The receiving apparatus is such that, where~~ if the propagation path conditions at the time of retransmission are inferior, part of the packet data extracted from a buffer is cut out and combined with a retransmission packet and decode processing is executed based upon the result of combining. ~~If, and if the propagation path conditions at the time of retransmission are superior, data of a plurality of packets to undergo retransmission combining is extracted from the buffer, the extracted data is combined with part of a retransmission packet and decode processing is executed based upon the result of combining.~~